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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether private sector operator has recently hacked the Railway Communication System as reported in Dainik Jagaran dated April, 02, 2006;

(b) if so, the facts and the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways have conducted any investigation in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) the action taken by the Railways against the persons found involved therein; and

(f) the steps by the Railways to check recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. However, in West Bengal Telecom Service area some interference was being caused by a private telecom service operator in the frequencies meant for railway working and the private sector operator providing mobile telecom services has been directed not to use the frequency spots earmarked to Ministry of Railways for their Railway Communication System.

(c): The matter was reported to Wireless Planning & Co-ordination Wing (WPC) of the Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, when Railways found interference in its frequency during pre-commissioning trials and recordings.

(d) & (e): Wireless Planning & Coordination Wing (WPC) has directed the private cellular operator not to use the frequency spectrum earmarked for Railway.

(f): The position regarding extent of interference is being constantly monitored in various sections, in coordination with the Wireless Planning & Coordination Wing (WPC) of Ministry of Communications & Information Technology.